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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any arrangements for the education and training in science and technology development for the students belonging to SC and ST living below poverty line;

(b) whether there is any proposal to bring the science and technology mission among the common people; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) : Several measures have been taken by the Government for the educational development of SCs and STswhich include reservation of seats in Central Government institutions of higher education including IITs,Regional Engineering Colleges and Central Universities relaxation in qualifying marks for admission; establishment of Special Cells in Universities to ensure proper implementation of the reservation policy; remedial and special coaching to improve academic skills and linguistic proficiency of students in various subjects and preparatory courses in IITs for students who marginally fail in the joint entrance examination.

(b) & (c) : In order to promote a scientific temper among the masses the Government, with the involvement of the scientific community, organizes Science Fairs, Exhibitions, films, publications etc.